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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated June 1, 2005, the Applicants elect Group S, claims 188-195, with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that it believed that a single search and examination covering all claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner.

Claims not elected in the instant restriction requirement have been canceled or amended to depend from claim 188.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 646.8000.

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